

## Popular Annual Financial Report

for the year ended December 31, 2005



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An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA.

*The picture on the front cover is of the memorial the local Fraternal Order of Police built to honor the local law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line-of-duty. The names of the fallen officers are engraved on the monument which is located on the grounds of the Stark County Courthouse in downtown Canton. It was dedicated by their fellow officers in 1994. Photograph supplied by Mike Stevens of Stark County Auditor's Office.*

July 2006



**Kim R. Perez**  
Stark County Auditor

I am pleased to present the Stark County Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2005. The report provides a brief analysis of where county revenues come from and where those dollars are spent, as well as an overview of trends in the local economy. Above all, it is designed to present a financial report that is easy to understand.

The PAFR, which has been generated internally by the Stark County Auditor's Office, summarizes the financial activities of the primary government of Stark County (County) and was drawn from the financial information appearing in the 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR was prepared in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and was audited by the Auditor of State of Ohio, receiving an unqualified opinion. The PAFR, however, is unaudited and is presented on a non-GAAP basis. The major differences between GAAP and non-GAAP reporting deals with not including component units and in the presentation of segregated funds, as well as full disclosure of all material financial and nonfinancial events in notes to the financial statements. The statements presented within this report contain all funds used by the County to account for the financial activities of the primary government. Individuals who desire to review GAAP basis, full disclosure financial statements should refer to the County's CAFR, which is available from the County Auditor's office or visit the website at <http://www.auditor.co.stark.oh.us>.

The Popular Annual Financial Report of Stark County is presented as a means of increasing public confidence in the County's government and elected officials through easier, more user friendly financial reporting. As you review our Popular Annual Financial Report, I invite you to share any questions, concerns, or recommendations you may have.

Sincerely,

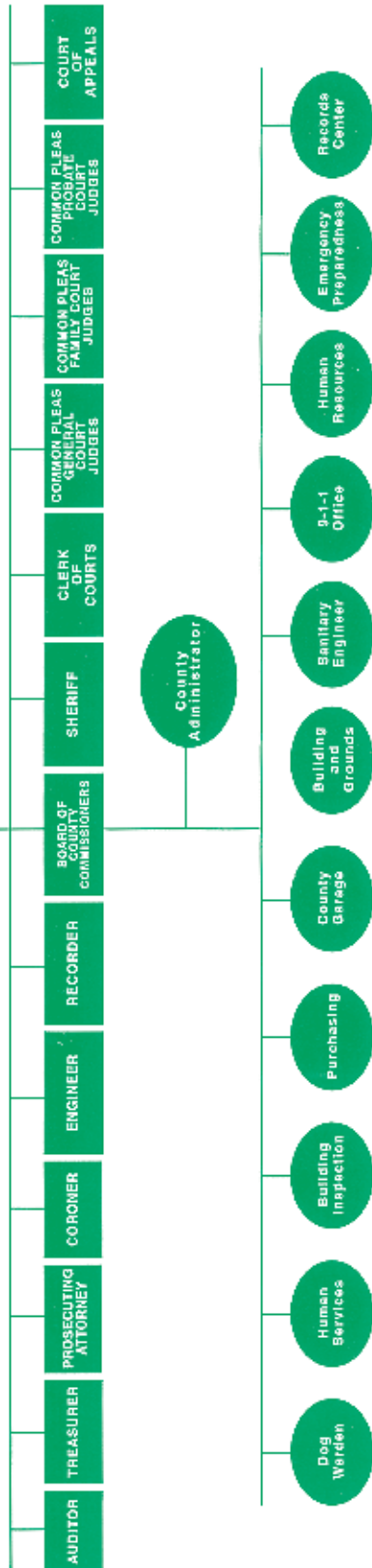
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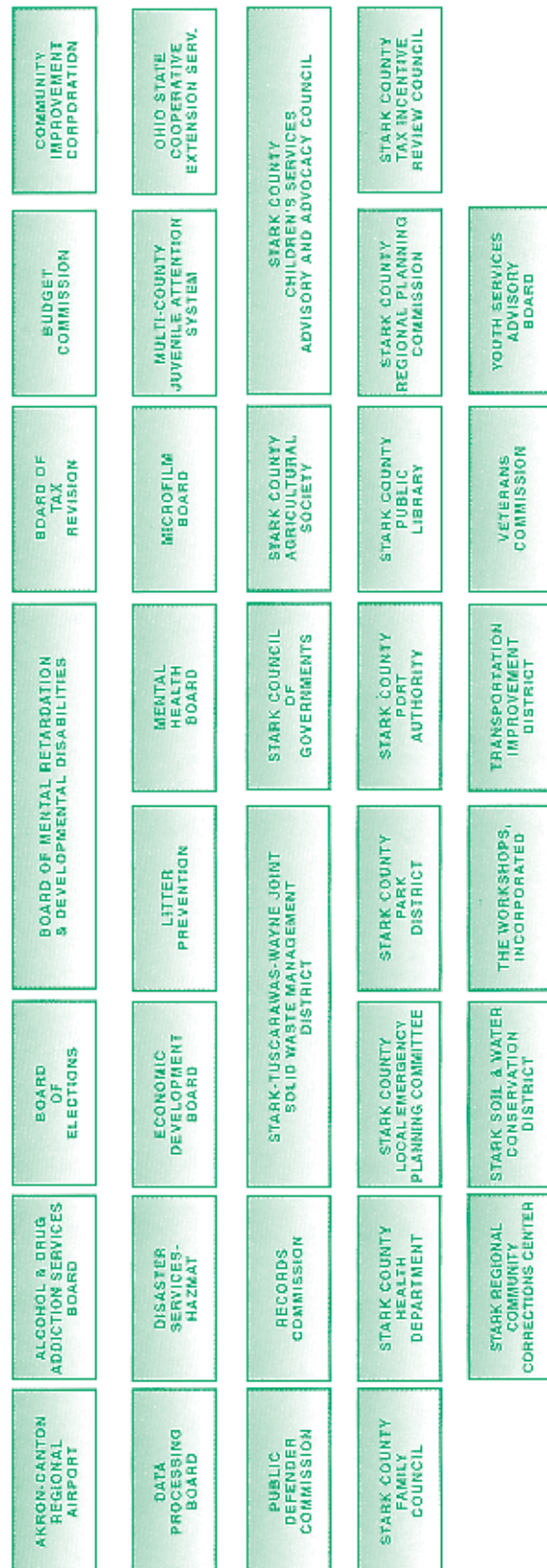


# Stark County Government Organizational Chart

## VOTERS OF STARK COUNTY



## Appointed Board and Commissions; Statutory Boards and Commissions; or County provides space or gives financial support:





# County Property Taxes

The following table provides the amount of taxes on an owner occupied home with a market value of \$100,000. The full tax rate appearing in the table includes both inside (not voted) and voted levies for all subdivisions within the taxing district. The effective tax rate is the tax rate actually applied in calculating your tax liability. The effective tax rate is determined by the State Department of Taxation each year. In essence, the effective rate ensures that an individual's tax liability does not increase on voted levies as a result of appreciation in value due to economic conditions. The tax on a home with a \$100,000 value is a relatively simple calculation: take the \$100,000 appraised value times 35% to get the assessed value; then multiply the assessed value by the effective tax rate. This is the gross tax due. This gross tax is then reduced by 12 1/2% rate which is the amount the state pays on behalf of each individual homeowner who resides in that home under the state rollback programs currently in effect.

TAXING DISTRICT NUMBER AND NAME	FULL TAX \$100,000 RATE	TAX ON TAX RATE HOME	TAXING DISTRICT NUMBER AND NAME	FULL TAX RATE	TAX ON TAX RATE HOME
1. ALLIANCE CITY-ALLIANCE CSD	74.90	44.069317	45. PERRY TOWNSHIP-JACKSON LSD	71.00	50.628580
2. CANTON CITY-CANTON CSD	82.10	47.459267	46. PERRY TOWNSHIP-MASSILLON CSD	71.10	54.277339
3. CANTON CITY-PLAIN LSD	71.70	39.894563	47. PERRY TOWNSHIP-TUSLAW LSD	84.70	45.928581
4. CANTON CITY-CANTON LSD	61.40	35.710071	48. PIKE TOWNSHIP-SANDY VALLEY LSD	71.20	47.164998
5. MASSILLON CITY-TUSLAW LSD	77.00	39.712121	49. PIKE TOWNSHIP-CANTON LSD	67.90	39.194989
6. MASSILLON CITY-MASSILLON CSD	64.90	49.560879	50. PIKE TOWNSHIP-TUSCARAWAS VALLEY LSD	61.45	47.842324
7. MASSILLON CITY-PERRY LSD	61.70	44.012123	51. PIKE TOWNSHIP-EAST SPARTA VILLAGE-SANDY VALLEY LSD	85.10	59.105292
8. MASSILLON CITY-JACKSON LSD	63.10	44.212120	52. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-PLAIN LSD	80.35	48.006508
9. MASSILLON CITY-FAIRLESS LSD	68.20	48.107569	53. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-CANTON LSD	69.45	43.222016
10. BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP-FAIRLESS LSD	71.00	50.366895	54. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-JACKSON LSD	71.75	52.401664
11. BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP-TUSCARAWAS VALLEY LSD	58.35	47.139133	55. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-NORTH CANTON CSD	88.55	48.323625
12. BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP-NAVARRE VILLAGE-FAIRLESS LSD	66.20	46.699220	56. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-NORTH CANTON CITY-NORTH CANTON CSD	82.90	42.830304
13. CANTON TOWNSHIP-CANTON LSD	65.90	39.806297	57. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-NORTH CANTON CITY-JACKSON LSD	65.60	46.408343
14. CANTON TOWNSHIP-CANTON CSD	86.80	51.263453	58. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-NORTH CANTON CITY-PLAIN LSD	74.20	42.013187
15. CANTON TOWNSHIP-MEYERS LAKE VILLAGE-CANTON CSD	87.60	52.063453	59. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-CANTON CSD	90.35	54.679172
16. JACKSON TOWNSHIP-JACKSON LSD	75.20	53.767418	60. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-MEYERS LAKE VILLAGE-CANTON CSD	81.60	46.959267
17. JACKSON TOWNSHIP-PLAIN LSD	83.80	49.37262	61. SANDY TOWNSHIP-SANDY VALLEY LSD	67.90	46.729454
18. JACKSON TOWNSHIP-HILLS & DALES VILLAGE-PLAIN LSD	95.10	58.254790	62. SANDY TOWNSHIP-CANTON LSD	64.60	38.759445
19. LAKE TOWNSHIP-LAKE LSD	81.60	45.281673	63. SANDY TOWNSHIP-OSNABURG LSD	75.60	41.598172
20. LAKE TOWNSHIP-NORTH CANTON CSD	86.90	45.383646	64. SANDY TOWNSHIP-BROWN LSD	64.30	47.874055
21. LAKE TOWNSHIP-PLAIN LSD	78.70	45.066529	65. SANDY TOWNSHIP-MAGNOLIA VILLAGE-SANDY VALLEY LSD	84.60	59.135740
22. LAKE TOWNSHIP-UNIONTOWN POLICE DISTRICT-LAKE LSD	89.60	49.532065	66. SANDY TOWNSHIP-WAYNESBURG VILLAGE-SANDY VALLEY LSD	87.10	62.045228
23. LAKE TOWNSHIP-HARTVILLE VILLAGE-LAKE LSD	78.85	43.853622	67. SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP-FAIRLESS LSD	71.70	51.183838
24. LAWERENCE TOWNSHIP-TUSLAW LSD	87.60	47.644765	68. SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP-SOUTHEAST LSD	68.50	43.263055
25. LAWERENCE TOWNSHIP-JACKSON LSD	73.90	52.344764	69. SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP-BEACH CITY VILLAGE-FAIRLESS LSD	76.20	54.859481
26. LAWERENCE TOWNSHIP-NORTHWEST LSD	87.00	54.154778	70. SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP-BREWSTER VILLAGE-FAIRLESS LSD	70.20	48.378376
27. LAWERENCE TOWNSHIP-CANAL FULTON VILLAGE-NORTHWEST LSD	79.60	49.485447	71. SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP-WILMOT VILLAGE-FAIRLESS LSD	67.20	47.677208
28. LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP-MARLINGTON LSD	77.60	43.626280	72. TUSCARAWAS TOWNSHIP-TUSLAW LSD	79.50	41.432401
29. LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP-ALLIANCE CSD	81.00	48.347361	73. TUSCARAWAS TOWNSHIP-FAIRLESS LSD	69.70	48.827849
30. LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP-LIMAVILLE VILLAGE -MARLINGTON LSD	80.60	46.791312	74. TUSCARAWAS TOWNSHIP-MASSILLON CSD	65.90	49.781159
31. MARLBORO TOWNSHIP-MARLINGTON LSD	76.75	43.777260	75. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP-MARLINGTON LSD	72.50	39.831388
32. MARLBORO TOWNSHIP-LAKE LSD	80.85	46.030771	76. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP-ALLIANCE CSD	75.90	44.552469
33. NIMISHILLEN TOWNSHIP-LOUISVILLE CSD	76.10	45.069388	77. ALLIANCE CITY-MARLINGTON LSD	69.50	37.348236
34. NIMISHILLEN TOWNSHIP-MARLINGTON LSD	75.50	42.922356	78. PARIS TOWNSHIP-BROWN LSD	63.60	46.868366
35. NIMISHILLEN TOWNSHIP-PLAIN LSD	76.70	44.960723	79. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP-LOUISVILLE CSD	73.10	41.978420
36. LOUISVILLE CITY-LOUISVILLE CSD	70.90	40.295268	80. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP-MINERVA LSD	61.30	45.786913
37. OSNABURG TOWNSHIP-OSNABURG LSD	76.70	42.787362	81. PERRY TOWNSHIP-NAVARRE VILLAGE-PERRY LSD	69.00	49.850595
38. OSNABURG TOWNSHIP-CANTON LSD	65.70	39.948635	82. CANTON CITY-LOUISVILLE CSD	71.90	40.803228
39. OSNABURG TOWNSHIP-MINERVA LSD	64.20	48.650285	83. CANTON TOWNSHIP-CANTON CITY-CANTON LSD	66.90	40.314257
40. OSNABURG TOWNSHIP-EAST CANTON VILLAGE-OSNABURG LSD	77.00	43.087362	84. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-CANTON CITY-PLAIN LSD	71.70	39.894563
41. PARIS TOWNSHIP-MINERVA LSD	62.40	46.455406	85. WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP-ALLIANCE CITY-MARLINGTON LSD	72.50	39.831388
42. PARIS TOWNSHIP-MINERVA VILLAGE LSD	64.60	47.348330	86. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-CANTON CITY-CANTON CSD	82.10	47.459267
43. PERRY TOWNSHIP-PERRY LSD	70.00	50.828583	87. JACKSON TOWNSHIP -CANTON CITY-JACKSON LSD	74.20	51.991018
44. PERRY TOWNSHIP-FAIRLESS LSD	74.90	53.324029	88. PLAIN TOWNSHIP-CANTON CITY-NORTH CANTON CSD	80.40	40.711680
			89. PERRY TOWNSHIP-NAVARRE VILLAGE-FAIRLESS LSD	75.50	53.946041

# Auditor's Office

## **Fiscal Services (Finance and Payroll)**

The Stark County Auditor is the chief fiscal officer of the County. It is the auditor's responsibility to perform the following functions:

- Account for revenues received each year by the County.
- Issue warrants (checks) in payment of all County obligations, including the distribution of tax dollars to the townships, villages, cities, school districts and library systems, as well as other County agencies.
- Serve as the paymaster for all County employees.
- Administer and distribute motor vehicle license fees, gasoline taxes, estate taxes, fines and local government funds, in addition to real estate, personal property and manufactured home taxes.
- As required by law, prepare and produce the County's annual financial report. Stark County prepares a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and a Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR).

## **Real Estate Taxes and Rates**

Under Ohio law, the county auditor cannot raise or lower property taxes. Tax rates are determined by the budgetary requests of each governmental unit, as authorized by vote of the people, and are computed in strict accordance with procedures required by the Division of Tax Equalization, Ohio Department of Taxation. Annually, the auditor prepares the general tax list. Your tax bill is based on the tax rate multiplied by your valuation on this tax list. This is your proportional share of the cost of operating your local government including cities, villages, townships, schools and the County. Ohio law limits the amount of taxation without a vote of the people to what is known as the "10 mill limitation" (\$10.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). County residents must vote any additional real estate taxes for any purpose. Your "tax rate" is an accumulation of all these levies and bond issues.

## **Real Estate Appraisal and Assessment**

Stark County has more than 195,000 separate parcels of real estate property. It is the duty of the auditor to see that every parcel of land and the buildings thereon are fairly and uniformly appraised and assessed for tax purposes. Ohio law mandates a general reappraisal every six years with an update at the three year midpoint. The office maintains a detailed record of the appraisal on each parcel in the County. These records are open for public inspection. For taxation purposes, owners are assessed at 35 percent of fair market value.

## **Real Estate Conveyance and CAUV**

This department is in charge of transferring all real estate that changes ownership in the County and collecting fees on this activity. They maintain all ownership records, acreage changes, real estate splits and provide information for maintaining tax plat maps. The auditor is also in charge of administering the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program that allows farmland to be taxed at its value for that use. Agricultural districts and forest certification are other responsibilities of this department.

## **Personal Property Tax**

The county auditor, as an agent for the Ohio Department of Taxation, is responsible for administering the tangible personal property tax laws. Generally speaking, anyone in business in Ohio is subject to tangible personal property tax on equipment, furniture, fixtures and inventory used in business. The tangible personal property tax is distributed back to the local taxing districts in the same manner as real estate taxes.

## Licensing

The auditor's office is the focal point in the County for issuance of licenses for dogs, vendors and cigarette sales. Stark County annually issues more than 50,000 dog licenses. Vendor licenses authorize businesses to sell tangible property to the public and collect sales tax, a part of which is returned for use at the local level.

## Manufactured Housing

There are 50 manufactured home communities currently operating in the County. Stark County has one of the largest populations of manufactured homes in the state of Ohio. Under Ohio law, it is the responsibility of owners of manufactured homes to register their homes with the county auditor for tax purposes. Annually, the auditor's office assesses each manufactured home and prepares a tax list. Tax bills are sent to each owner semiannually. The manufactured home tax is distributed back to the local taxing districts in the same manner as real estate taxes.

## Weights and Measures

The Department of Weights and Measures plays a vital role in our everyday lives. Our economy is essentially based on the monetary value placed on goods and services bought, sold and traded daily. That monetary value is ultimately determined by an accurate system of weights and measures. Each year the auditor's office inspects and certifies more than 5,200 devices in over 600 locations throughout the County. Weights and Measures, as defined by Ohio law, means all weights and measures of every kind, instruments and devices for weighing and measuring, and any appliances and accessories associated with any such instruments and devices, except that the term shall not be construed to include meters for the measurement of electricity, gas, or water when the same are operated as public utility system. The county auditor is required by Ohio law to inspect all commercial devices used in retail trade for weighing or measuring. This includes checking gas pumps, price scanners, meat and produce/truck scales.



## Stark County Information Technology Services

The auditor is responsible for the management of the County Information Technology Center and serves as the Chief Administrator of the Data Processing Board. Changes in computer systems and planning must be approved by the board to automate various County functions. Improving financial and recordkeeping systems of the County will improve services, reduce costs and provide County officials with a modern management tool to better administer the business of government. The Stark County Information Technology Division supports all aspects of computing for government offices in the County. Some of these services include programming, personal computer hardware and soft-ware support, consultation, management, logistical support and network services. Information Services supports over 1000 nodes in the County computer network. A node is an active networked computer connection such as a personal computer, terminal, printer, server, switch, router, or other networked devices.

## Additional Duties of the Auditor

Secretary of the Budget Commission  
Secretary of the Board of Revision  
Tax Incentive Review Council Records

# Development & Trends

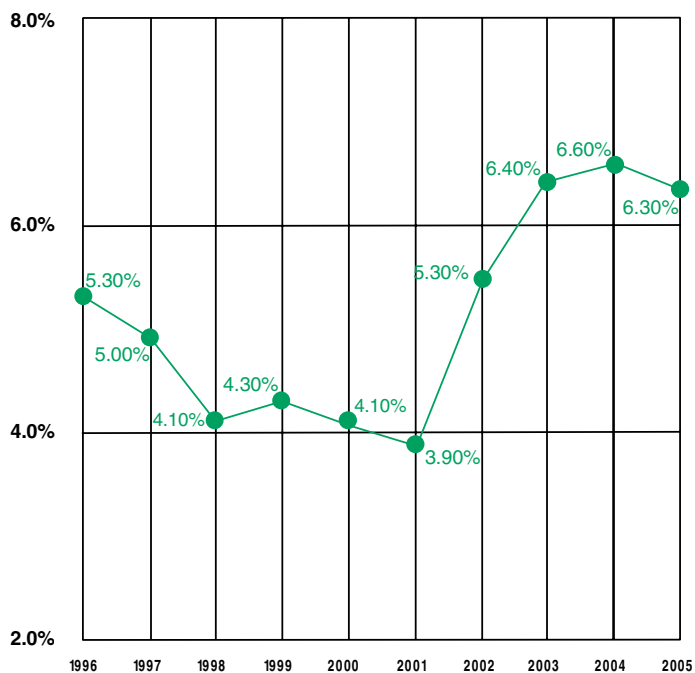
The County, which is located in the Northeastern section of Ohio, was established in 1808 and covers an area of 567 square miles and includes 17 townships, 13 villages, and 6 cities, the largest of which is the City of Canton, the County Seat, and the eighth largest city in the State. It is strategically located in proximity to all modes of transportation including truck, railroad, and air. Because of this, many businesses have chosen to make Stark County their home.

The Canton/Stark County area offers many of the amenities and activities of a big city, with the advantages of small-city living. The area's low cost of living makes it an appealing place for businesses and employees. As a matter of fact, many people who work outside of the county are settling here because of the quality schools, economical prices, and abundant housing. In fact, the area's low prices and steady growth has led Stark County to claim a spot among the top five in the region for home price appreciation. The area is also in the top third of metropolitan areas nationwide, according to ratings received for its facilities (health care, education, recreation, transportation, and the arts), and indicators (crime, costs of living and jobs).

Interstate 77 links Stark County with the national interstate highway network, providing easy access to all the major markets in the United States and Canada. In addition, freight and passenger services are readily available through three major carriers and a regional airport which provides commercial air service for nationwide travel, including direct flights to Chicago and Washington D.C. Neomodal, an ultramodern 28 acre rail/highway transfer facility, located in the county, transports products consistently and efficiently to both domestic and international locations. Neomodal provides convenient 24 hours access to Stark's three railroads.

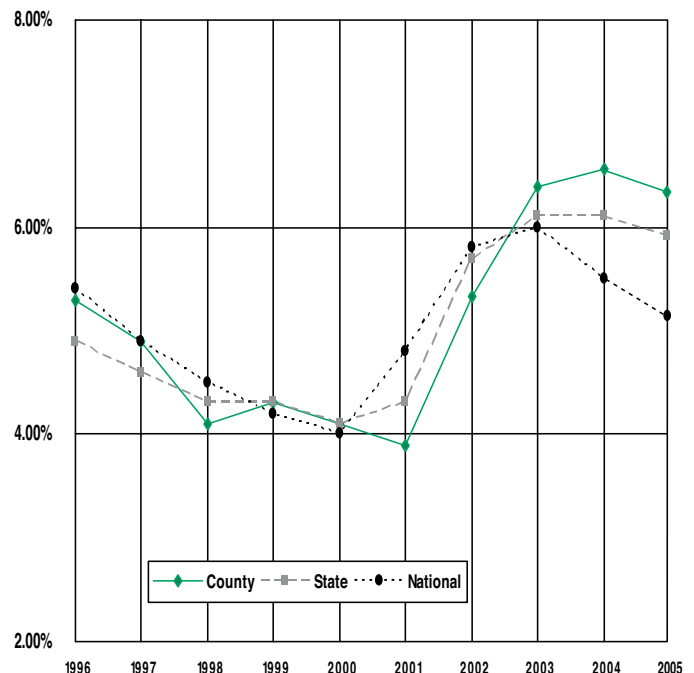
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## Average Unemployment Percentage Rates



*Source: U.S. Department of Labor,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics*

## National, State & County Average Unemployment Rates

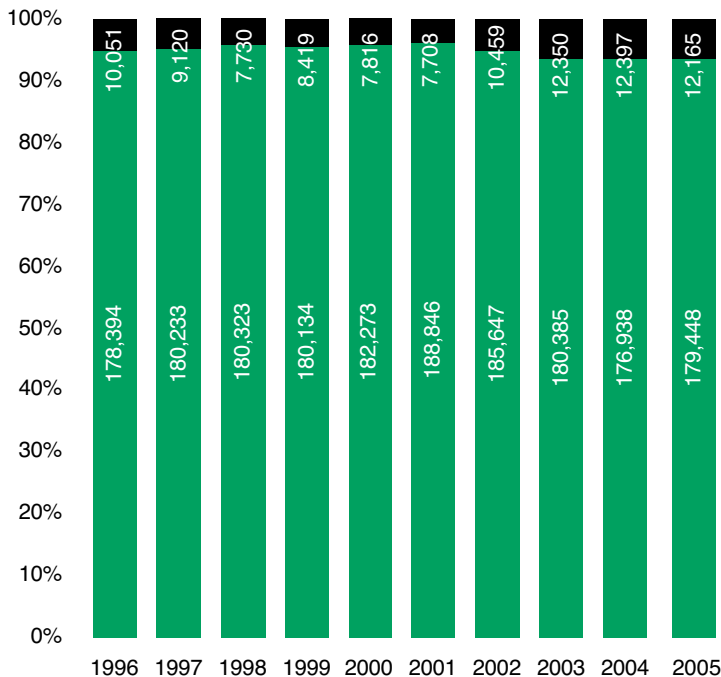


*Source: U.S. Department of Labor,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics*



# Development & Trends

## Employed vs. Unemployed



Source: U.S. Department of Labor,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Top Ten Employers Stark County Ohio

Largest Employers	Employees
Aultman Health Foundation	4,978
The Timken Company	4,896
County of Stark	2,840
Canton City Board of Education	2,629
Mercy Medical Center	2,531
Maytag Corporation (Hoover Company Operations)	1,292
Workshops, Inc.	1,060
GE Capital	1,034
Fisher Foods Marketing, Inc.	907
Freshmark, Inc.	906

Source: Stark County Development Board,  
Ohio Department of Development, Employers

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Stark County's economy, fueled by a strong labor force and the development of new and existing business, has experienced healthy growth and expansion. According to the Business Outlook Survey and other economic indicators, the economy in the Stark County area will continue to prosper.

The increasing emphasis of the local economy on the non-manufacturing sector is reflected in the growing list of major employers. Several manufacturing companies remain among the largest employers, but now there are also numerous large service industry employers in the County.

A major asset of the Stark County area is its labor force committed to high quality and productivity. Stark County has been a successful location for business since the mid-nineteenth century. The area has produced generations of well-educated and diverse workers which reflect the broad base of the areas' economic mix.

Stark County has a rich tradition in education, offering educational opportunities to fit every need. The County area is home to 17 public school districts, educating over 65,000 students each year. There are also 29 parochial and private schools in the area. All high schools in the Stark County area offer vocational and college prep tracks.

Beginning in the mid-1990's, Stark County's relative wealth measured by the Woods and Poole Wealth Index increased steadily from 91.50 to 93.75. Projections beyond the year 2005 show more rapid growth in wealth in Stark County than in the United States.

# Striving for Continuous Improvement

## For the Future

The Stark County Auditor's office is striving for continuous improvement by thinking out of the box and reinventing the office. This reinvention is being done by; upgrading computer systems, revising policies and procedures, and implementing a fair and equitable appraisal process. The already implemented appraisal process will increase the number of zones the county is divided into from 3 to 6. The creating of a smaller zone structure will allow for a more intimate knowledge of the various communities. With the advent of the new zone structure, real estate department zone appraisers will be responsible for a smaller area, allowing for more localized neighborhood analysis and more accurate appraisals. This will ensure that appraisals are fair and accurate so that the tax burden is shared equally.

Revising policies and procedures has also been a major focus of the Auditor and to date this focus is paying dividends. An example of this was a 10 year old Auditor's policy that removed seniors/disabled off the Homestead exemption tax reduction program for failing to re-file their application form. After consultation with the State Department of Taxation and the County Prosecutor, it was determined that policy was flawed and 450 seniors/disabled were reinstated on the program in 2005. Other revisions are paying dividends by eliminated redundancy and establishing legal guidelines for procedures. All this leads to fairness & equality for all the residents, businesses, and industries in Stark County.

The plan to upgrade technology is proceeding on course with the recent purchase of an upgraded payroll system for the County. The Auditor is the Chief Fiscal Officer for the County and the new system, when implemented, will streamline a variety of payroll processes creating more accurate and timely reporting. This system, along with the proposed new computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system, will allow the County Auditor's office to move into the 21st century in efficiency and accuracy. A new CAMA system will also allow the Auditor to eliminate redundancy and the immense amount of paper that is currently being generated with the 1970's mainframe computer. All of this computerization will lead to better efficiency and much lower costs saving vital tax dollars.

## Assessed Taxable Property Values

Years	Real Estate	Personal Property
2005	\$6,424,896,800	\$716,256,710
2004	6,284,976,650	\$700,357,757
2003	5,637,815,270	733,462,000
2002	5,541,482,220	849,140,358
2001	5,547,366,130	895,970,175
2000	4,820,149,680	830,240,358
1999	4,751,307,780	829,547,997
1998	4,619,118,500	795,593,469
1997	3,982,966,770	756,978,265
1996	3,886,204,910	711,869,370

## Property Tax Collections



# Striving for Continuous Improvement

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The Auditor is putting special emphasis on the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) department to form a county-wide consortium. This consortium will allow the sharing of responsibility and the sharing of the benefits that GIS offers. GIS is a computer system capable of assembling, storing, manipulating, updating, analyzing and displaying geographically referenced information, i.e. data identified according to their locations on a map. This mapping technology allows for an unlimited number of layers to be added for precise data retrieval. GIS technology can be used across the County by a variety of agencies and departments. An example of a layer would be the mapping of all the fire hydrants used by fire departments across the county.

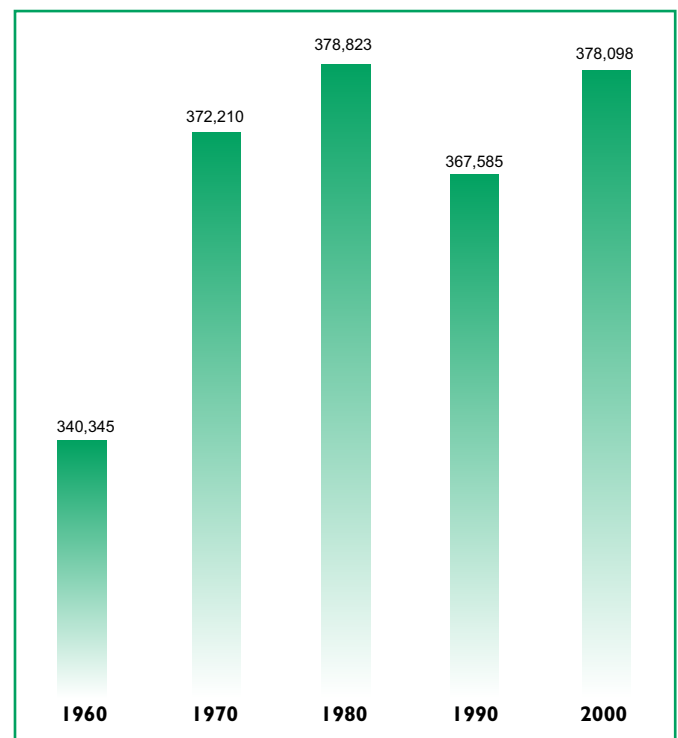
For the first time in memory, the Stark County Auditor was on the receiving end of not only one grant but two. Working in conjunction with the Congressman Ralph Regula and Commissioner Richard Regula, Auditor Perez was able to secure \$1 million in federal funding for visual intelligence technology for the County. This technology will be available to all agencies to work together and share information for efficiencies and inter-operability. This grant will provide law enforcement, first responders, and governmental agencies, with libraries of new revolutionary digital color imagery and geo-spatial information to improve governmental operations throughout the County.

Another important GIS grant was provided by CTAT, the County Homeland Advisory Committee. This \$120,000 grant will provide needed infrastructure equipment for the GIS department. Auditor Perez stated, "GIS provides the county with a variety of opportunities to increase efficiencies with more accurate databases. GIS will provide emergency response officials with precise accurate information to help them respond more effectively and efficiently, thus saving more lives." Accurate precise information is the building blocks for the 21st century technology and Stark County will be at the forefront when it comes to "moving forward".

## Principal Property Tax Payers

<b>Taxpayers</b>	<b>Assessed Valuation</b>
Timken Company	\$143,447,700
Ohio Power	110,083,130
Ohio Bell Telephone	55,850,980
Ohio Edison	32,335,870
Maytag Corporation (Hoover Company Operations)	30,845,480
Aqua Ohio Inc	25,384,790
East Ohio Gas	20,668,580
Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC	20,556,990
Stark Commons Ltd	18,646,440
American Landfill Inc	14,848,220

## Population



# Financial Activity Statement

## Summary

The Financial Activity Statement, known in accounting terms as the "Income Statement", is designed to provide record of the money received and spent during the year. Explanations of specific Resources and Services are shown in the following pages.

*The statement is presented on a non-GAAP basis. Copies of GAAP basis reports can be found in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and can be obtained from the Stark County Auditor's Office.*

## Stark County 2005 Financial Activity Statement

Resources Taken In	2004	2005
Taxes	\$66,852,000	\$67,784,000
Charges for Services	24,809,000	25,897,000
Licenses & Permits	96,000	75,000
Fines & Forfeitures	944,000	578,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	131,346,000	141,880,000
Special Assessments	443,000	707,000
Water & Sewer Revenues	27,339,000	22,933,000
Health Ins./Workers' Comp Revenue	10,227,000	10,057,000
Investment Income	2,051,000	3,219,000
Other	7,598,000	7,544,000
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Resources</b>	<b>\$271,705,000</b>	<b>\$280,674,000</b>

Services Provided	2004	2005
Legislative & Executive	17,413,000	22,051,000
Judicial	14,332,000	15,500,000
Public Safety	27,332,000	25,964,000
Public Works	20,276,000	24,389,000
Health	70,383,000	72,047,000
Human Services	61,232,000	63,317,000
Capital Outlay	5,566,000	16,624,000
Intergovernmental	10,522,000	10,409,000
Debt Service	2,316,000	2,381,000
Water & Sewer Expenses	16,347,000	16,811,000
Health Ins./Workers' Comp Expenses	10,024,000	10,957,000
Other Expenses	1,113,000	883,000
<b>Total Expenditure &amp; Services</b>	<b>\$256,856,000</b>	<b>\$281,333,000</b>

<b>Revenues &amp; Resources Over (Under) Expenditures &amp; Services</b>	<b>\$14,849,000</b>	<b>(\$659,000)</b>
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*Note 1: Intergovernmental Revenue increased due to an increase in funding for public assistance, alcohol and drug addiction services, engineer's office, and a one time grant for board of elections for voting machines.*

*Note 2: Water & Sewer Revenues decreased due to a decrease in capital contributions.*

*Note 3: The Legislative and Executive expenses increased mainly due to expenses related to a one time grant for board of elections for voting machines.*

*Note 4: Capital Outlay expenses increased due to the construction at the jail and road projects.*

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## Resources Taken In

Resources taken in are the amounts which the County receives from a variety of different sources in order to pay for the Services it provides.

**Taxes** are resources which include Sales Tax, Real Estate Tax, Personal Property Tax and a variety of smaller taxes.

**Charges for Services** are the combined resources of various County departments and agencies for fees paid to them by the public such as court cost and fees for recording deeds and transferring property.

**Licenses & Permits** are the revenues derived from the selling of vendor licenses, dog licenses, and other items.

**Fines and Forfeitures** are the resources derived from fines levied in the Courts and the monies received from a variety of forfeitures, including drug arrests and seized property.

**Intergovernmental Revenues** are the combined resources received from grants and from pass-through monies administered by the State of Ohio and Federal Government.

**Special Assessments** are amounts levied on real estate tax bills by the County and other local governments for providing improvements such as ditches, water and sewer service, curbs and lighting.

**Water & Sewer Revenues** are the combined resources charged to customers by the Environmental Services Department.

**Health Insurance and Workers' Compensation Revenue** are charges made to all County Offices and Agencies in order to provide these coverages to employees.

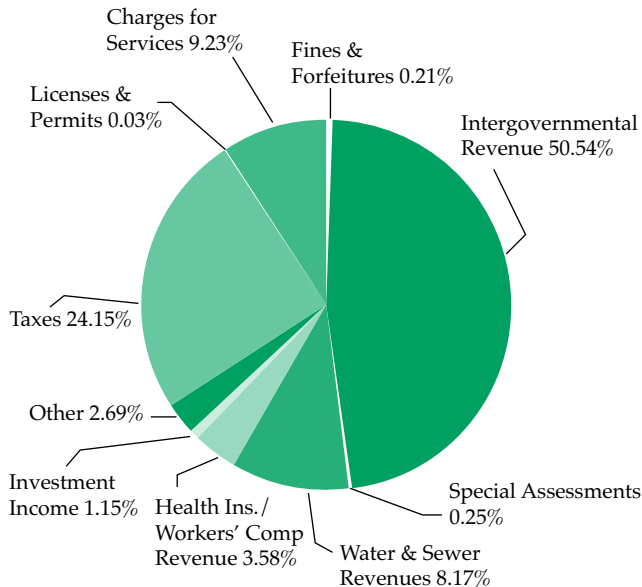
**Investment Income** is the earnings of the County Treasurer's investments.



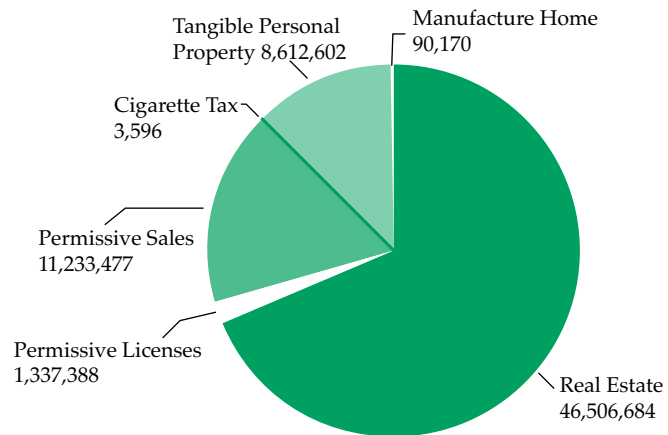
# Financial Activity Statement

## Resources Taken In • Services Provided

### Resources Taken In



### Taxes Further Broken Down



### Services Provided – Services Provided are the amounts spent in order to provide services to citizens.

**Legislative and Executive** expenditures are the expenses incurred for administrative offices including the Commissioners, Auditor, Treasurer, Prosecutor, and Recorder.

**Judicial** expenditures reflect the costs of administering justice through the Stark County Courts, which include the Courts of Common Pleas, Juvenile, and Domestic Relations.

**Public Safety** expenditures reflect the costs of the Sheriff, Coroner, and Probation Departments.

**Public Works** expenditures reflect the costs incurred to maintain County roads and bridges.

**Economic Development** expenditures reflect the work that is done to stimulate the economic development for Stark County.

**Health** expenditures are those services to maintain public health.

**Human Services** expenditures relate to the cost of the Human Services Department, the Board of Mental Retardation/Development Disabilities, and Children Services Board.

**Conservation and Recreation** expenditures are costs incurred to maintain the County parks and for conserving the beauty of County lands.

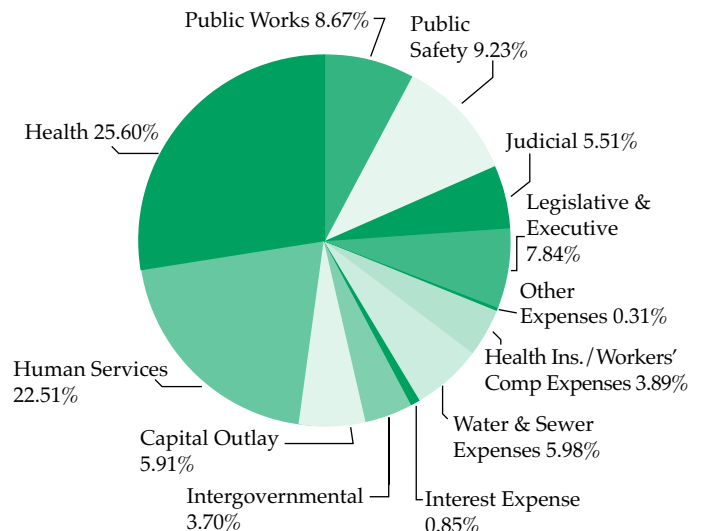
**Intergovernmental** expenditures are monies which are passed through the County government to other governments, including Transportation Improvement District.

**Debt Services** expenditures relate to the costs of paying interest and principal on County Debt.

**Water & Sewer** expenses are the combined costs to operate the County's Environmental Services unit.

**Health Insurance and Workers' Compensation** expenditures are the costs to provide insurance coverage for medical and work-related accidents to the employees of the County.

### Services Provided



# Financial Position Statement

## Summary

The Financial Position Statement, known in accounting terms as the "Statement of Net Assets", is designed to provide a picture of the County's Financial Position as of the end of the year. Explanations of specific accounts are as follows by where they appear in the financial position statement:

## Stark County 2005 Financial Position Statement

Financial Benefits	2004	2005
Cash	\$31,000,000	\$27,000,000
Investments	53,000,000	59,000,000
Receivables	132,000,000	133,000,000
Property Equipment	211,000,000	233,000,000
Other assets	2,000,000	1,000,000
<b>Total Financial Benefits</b>	<b>\$429,000,000</b>	<b>\$453,000,000</b>

### Financial Burdens

Amount Owed to Employees and Vendors	\$12,000,000	\$16,000,000
Short-Term Debt	2,000,000	2,000,000
Long-Term Debt	22,000,000	20,000,000
Other Liabilities	82,000,000	83,000,000
<b>Total Financial Burdens</b>	<b>\$118,000,000</b>	<b>\$121,000,000</b>

<b>Total Financial Benefits Over Financial Burdens</b>	<b>\$311,000,000</b>	<b>\$332,000,000</b>
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Note 1: Most of the increase in benefits was due to construction in progress and additions to furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

Note 2: The increase in burdens was mainly attributable to an increase in contracts payable attributable to construction projects.

## Benefits over Burdens

This amount represents the difference between the financial assets of the County and the liabilities which it must pay. The amount provides the net worth of the County.

*Readers of the Financial Position Statement should keep in mind that the statement is presented on a non-GAAP basis, and those desiring to review GAAP basis reports should refer to the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2005.*

## Benefits

**Cash** is the amount of physical cash held by the County in checking accounts and on hand for purposes of paying expenses.

**Investments** are made up of the funds not needed to be held to pay expenses, so the Treasurer invests these funds in a variety of different types of accounts. This allows the County to earn interest on its surplus cash.

**Receivables** represent the amounts which are owed to the County and which are expected to be paid to the County over the course of the next twelve months.

**Property & Equipment** represent the furniture, equipment, vehicles, land, buildings, and water and sewer plants and mains which provide for an economic benefit of greater than one year.

## Burdens

**Amounts Owed to Employees and Vendors** are those items which the County owes to individuals and companies who supply a service or good, and the expected payment is to be made within twelve months.

**Short-Term Debt** represents amounts borrowed by the County which must be repaid within one year.

**Long-Term Debt** represents the amount of bonds which the County has issued and still owes. Bonds do not have to be paid off in one year, rather the County makes monthly or yearly debt payments on these amounts.

**Other Liabilities** are those items other than Amounts Owed to Employees and Vendors, as well as Short-Term and Long-Term Debt. Examples would be Amounts Owed to other Governments and other funds.

# Receivables and Summary of Debt Instruments & Analysis

➤ This summary provides an analysis of the different types of receivables carried by the County.

## Receivables

## Amount

Accrued Interest Receivable	\$517,890
Accounts Receivable	4,157,624
Intergovernmental Receivable	56,128,934
Sales Tax Receivable	2,990,376
Property Taxes Receivable	54,241,704
Special Assessments Receivable	12,454,223
Loans Receivable	1,996,068
<b>Total Receivables</b>	<b>\$132,486,819</b>

➤ **Special Assessments**  
Special Assessment Bonds are issued to pay for improvements benefitting property owners, and the owners pay the County over twenty years.

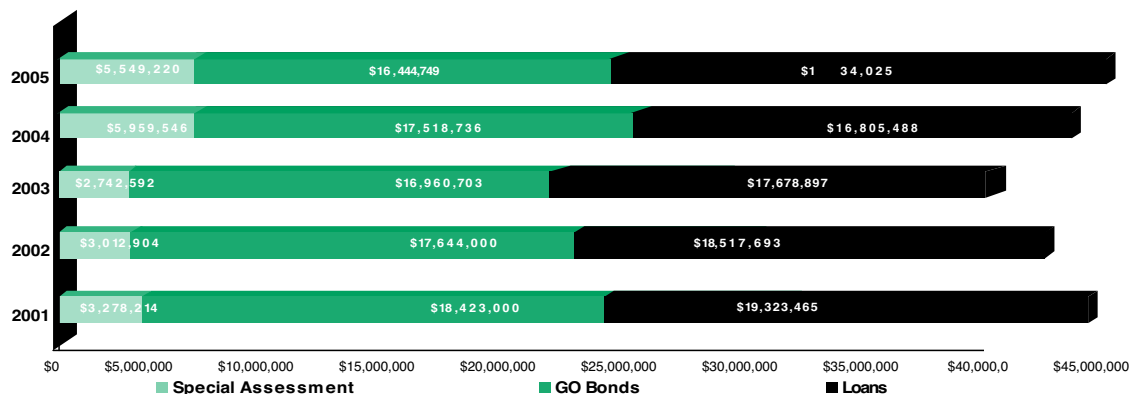
**General Obligation**  
General Obligation Bonds are long-term debt instruments which are repaid from the County's general revenue sources.

**Loans**  
Loans are acquired from state agencies for various sewer, water, and road projects. These are repaid from operating revenue of the Sanitary Engineer's office and intergovernmental revenue of the Engineer's office.

## Summary of Debt Instruments

	Balance at 01-01-05	New Money (ADDS)	Paid Off (DELETES)	Balance at 12-31-05
<b>Special Assessment</b>	\$5,959,546	\$0	\$410,326	\$5,549,220
<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>	17,518,736	0	1,073,987	16,444,749
<b>Loans</b>	16,805,488	3,638,234	909,697	19,534,025
<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>\$40,283,770</b>	<b>\$3,638,234</b>	<b>\$2,394,010</b>	<b>\$41,527,994</b>

## Debt Outstanding Trend Analysis



# Stark County Elected Officials

– as of December 31, 2005

<b>County Commissioners</b> <a href="http://www.commissioners.co.stark.oh.us">www.commissioners.co.stark.oh.us</a>	Gayle A. Jackson Richard R. Regula Jane Vgnos	(330) 451-7371
<b>County Auditor</b> <a href="http://www.auditor.co.stark.oh.us">www.auditor.co.stark.oh.us</a>	Kim R. Perez	(330) 451-7357
<b>County Coroner</b> <a href="http://www.coroner.co.stark.oh.us">www.coroner.co.stark.oh.us</a>	P.S. Murthy, M.D.	(330) 837-9299
<b>County Engineer</b> <a href="http://www.engineer.co.stark.oh.us">www.engineer.co.stark.oh.us</a>	Michael J. Rehfus	(330) 477-6781
<b>County Prosecutor</b> <a href="http://www.prosecutor.co.stark.oh.us">www.prosecutor.co.stark.oh.us</a>	John D. Ferrero	(330) 451-7897
<b>County Recorder</b> <a href="http://www.recorder.co.stark.oh.us">www.recorder.co.stark.oh.us</a>	Rick Campbell	(330) 451-7443
<b>County Sheriff</b> <a href="http://www.sheriff.co.stark.oh.us">www.sheriff.co.stark.oh.us</a>	Timothy A. Swanson	(330) 430-3800
<b>County Treasurer</b> <a href="http://www.treasurer.co.stark.oh.us">www.treasurer.co.stark.oh.us</a> <a href="http://www.starktaxes.com">www.starktaxes.com</a>	Gary D. Zeigler	(330) 451-7814
<b>Clerk of Courts</b> <a href="http://www.starkclerk.org">www.starkclerk.org</a>	Phil G. Giavasis	(330) 451-7812
<b>Common Pleas Judges</b> <a href="http://www.cpgendiv.co.stark.oh.us">www.cpgendiv.co.stark.oh.us</a>	Charles E. Brown Jr. John G. Haas Sara E. Lioi Richard D. Reinbold, Jr. V. Lee Sinclair, Jr.	(330) 451-7931
<b>Family Court Judges</b> <a href="http://www.cpdmjuvdiv.co.stark.oh.us">www.cpdmjuvdiv.co.stark.oh.us</a>	Michael L. Howard Jim D. James David E. Stucki	(330) 451-7415
<b>Probate Court Judge</b> <a href="http://www.probate.co.stark.oh.us">www.probate.co.stark.oh.us</a>	Dixilene N. Park	(330) 451-7755
<b>Ohio Court of Appeals</b> Fifth Appellate District <a href="http://www.fifthdist.org">www.fifthdist.org</a>	John F. Boggins Julie A. Edwards Shelia G. Farmer W. Scott Gwin William B. Hoffman John W. Wise	(330) 451-7765